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Women’s Voices

We are all women who are seeking justice, equality, human rights. We are all women who are standing up for ourselves and our communities.

Grants

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  - Leymah Gbowee
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All of the Nobel Peace Laureates of the Nobel Women's Initiative:

- Leymah Gbowee
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- Shirin Ebadi
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- Rigoberta Menchú
- Leyla Zana
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**Young Women’s Power and Leadership**

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- **Mary Byron**
- **Kaye Foster**
- **Nancy & Emily Word and family**

**Annual Report**

The Nobel Women’s Initiative, with the support of the Nederlandse Organisatie voor Internationale Vredes- en Democratiewerking (NOVIB), is proud to release this annual report detailing our 2017 operations and achievements. This report provides a snapshot of our work and the impact that your generosity has had on the lives of women around the world.

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**Advising for Peace, Justice and Equality**

We are grateful for your generosity and look forward to continuing our work in 2018 with the support of donors like you. Together, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of women around the world.

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**UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS BEGINNING**

- 2017: $631,680
- 2016: $503,415

**DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS**

- 2017: $1,903
- 2016: $249,446

**CURRENT LIABILITIES**

- 2017: $52,221
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**LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS**

- 2017: $495,367
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**NET REVENUE (EXPENDITURES)**

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**Message from the Laureates**

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